

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace paragraph [0023] with:

[0023] Proceeding now to descriptions of the preferred and exemplary embodiments, FIGURES 1 and 2 show a tent 10, known as a "tension tent." according to a preferred embodiment. Tent 10 includes a tent covering or shell 12 that is supported by an outer support structure 14 and an inner support structure 16. Shell 12 is preferably made of a flexible material, such as nylon or canvas. Alternatively, the shell may be made from any of a variety of woven or non-woven materials.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with:

[0027] Shell 12 includes a plurality of panels 28 sewn together and retained by a rope and grommet lace line. Shell 12 also includes a plurality of interface members (shown as fittings 30 in the form of rectangular tubes) coupled to inside of shell 12 and configured to couple to inner support structure 16. Fittings 30 are coupled to shell 12 by webbing or straps 31 that are inserted or threaded through slots 33 on tabs 35 that extend laterally from a central portion 96 of base portion 94 and folded over and sewn or otherwise attached to itself or to shell 12. According to a preferred embodiment, a hollow member (shown as a rectangular tube 37) fits within the support members (also shown with a rectangular tube). In the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 8 and 9, the rectangular tube 37 forms a double-D profile portion 92 of the fitting 30 that is connected to the central portion 96.

Please replace paragraph [0033] with:

[0033] Standoff 52 is coupled to gusset 50 by fasteners (shown as a pivotal attachment to through bolts 51 and spacers 53). At least some of the fasteners 62 are configured to limit pivotal movement of the standoff 52 about the bolt 51 and spacer 53. Standoff 52 includes a hollow or tubular member (shown to have a generally rectangular cross section but may have any of a variety of cross section shapes such as square, circular, elliptical, etc.). Standoff 52 includes a receptacle 29 (e.g., space defined by the hollow member) configured (e.g., shaped) to receive fitting 30 extending or projecting from inside of

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shell 12. Engagement of fitting 30 and standoff 52 is configured to provide structural support to shell 12. A fastener 98 may be used to further couple the fitting and the standoff, i.e. as a means to prevent disengagement of the fittings 30 from the standoff 52.